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Washington, D.C. 20544Re: *Ex Parte* Notification
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MM Docket No. 00-244

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is an *ex parte* notification filed pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules.

On May 22, 2003, David Barrett, President of Hearst-Argyle Television, Inc., and the undersigned met with Chairman Powell and his legal advisor Susan Eid and also met with Ken Ferree, Chief of the Media Bureau.

The purpose of the meetings was to discuss the local television ownership rule and Hearst-Argyle's proposal to modify the rule as set forth in Hearst-Argyle's Reply Comments.

An original and eight copies of this letter are being filed with the Secretary with additional copies delivered to each person who participated in the meetings.

Marlene H. Dortch

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If any questions should arise during the course of your consideration of this matter, it is respectfully requested that you communicate with this office.

Very truly yours,


Wade H. Hargrove

WHH/bp

cc: Chairman Powell
Susan Eid
Ken Ferree